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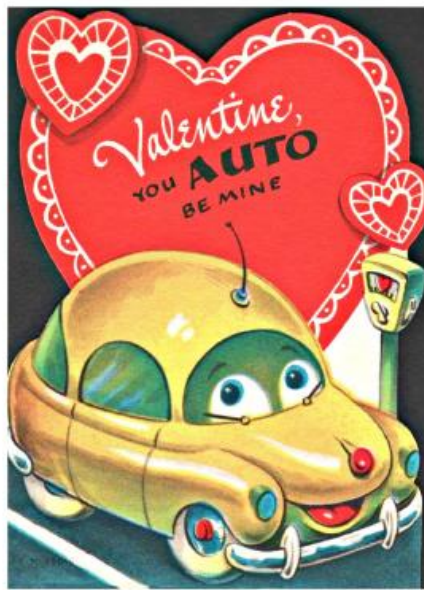
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EASTERN IDAHO VMCCA VALENTINE'S POTLUCK DINNER/MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

6:30 TO 8:30PM

At the Idaho Falls Activity Center
1575 N Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls

The club will provide fried and baked
chicken and tablesettings.

**PLEASE BRING ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE
DISHES TO SHARE AND A DRINK.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
YOU KNOW YOU AUTO COME!**

President's Corner

Hello, and thanks to those who were able to attend our January dinner meeting at Dixie's Diner. Everyone enjoyed chatting with folks and having an excellent meal prepared to order. Our February 1, 2024, meeting will be back at the Idaho Falls Activity Center on Skyline Drive and will be an early Valentine's Day potluck dinner meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. So, bring your favorite food for everyone to enjoy.

Joy read a couple of letters the club received from students and faculty at ISU. Our support to the educational institutes is greatly appreciated by both the students and the staff. Joy is providing the Bylaws via email for everyone to review. Please bring your comments/recommendations to the February meeting or email your comments to us.

I enjoyed reading Rich Eagle's article on his Kingston 5-Ball Carburetor in the latest Bulb Horn. Rich did an excellent job of explaining the working of the carburetor to us who were unaware of its existence. I am always interested in unique automotive items regardless of its vintage.

Thanks, and hope to see you at the potluck meeting in February.

Bob Thompson



CHAPTER EVENTS

Feb 1 – Chapter meeting at the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Drive, Idaho Falls. We will enjoy a potluck dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a favorite dish to share and a drink.

MEETING TREATS

Feb Valentine's
Potluck

NATIONAL EVENTS

Feb 8-12 – 2024 VMCCA Annual Meeting – Radiance of the Seas Cruise

Apr 8-12 – VMCCA Orphan 2024 North Texas Tour, Decatur, TX. Bill and Betty Shores, Hosts. 817-688-7022 or b.shores@sbcglobal.net

Apr 28-May 3 – VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour, Clarksville, AR. Raymond & Sammie Sue Harrill, Hosts. raymond.harrill@att.net or 501-223-3158
Ray and Carol Maxfield, Co-Hosts and Registrars 970-667-7182.

May 12-17 – Part II Old Santa Fe Trail Regional Tour, Grand Junction, CO to St. George, UT. Steve Fitzgerald, Chairperson studebakersteve@bresnan.net

Meeting Minutes – January 4

President Bob Thompson conducted the meeting held at Dixie's Diner and Secretary Joy Eagle recorded the minutes.

Dinner was enjoyed by the members in attendance and a thank you letter was read from our ISU Scholarship student.

The members decided to have a Valentine's Potluck at the next meeting.

The Bylaws will be posted with the February newsletter - comments may be addressed and sent to the secretary.

The City of Idaho Falls has decided that the Hockey Shelter will no longer be available for events. A committee has assembled a presentation for the 2024 Swap Meet and Car Show location and it will be sent to members. Members may email their location preference to the Board of Directors before a new location is decided.

Sign-up sheets for Activities and Meeting Treats will be available at the February meeting.

Don't forget about Groundhog Day, Friday, February 2

Each year groundhogs enjoy 15 minutes of fame before most people proceed to forget about them completely. So, in honor of Groundhog Day, we dug up some little-known facts about these annual celebrities.

1. They're related to squirrels.

Groundhogs (*Marmota monax*) are a type of rodent known as a marmot, and marmots are closely related to squirrels. "They are giant ground squirrels is what they are," says Richard Thorington, curator of mammals at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

2. "Woodchuck" has nothing to do with wood.

Groundhogs have many colorful names, including whistle-pig for their tendency to emit short, high-pitched whistles. They're also known as land beavers, but their most famous nickname is woodchuck. Surprisingly, the name woodchuck doesn't have anything to do with wood. It's thought to be a corruption of the Native American words wejack, woodshaw, or woodchoock. It may have its roots in the Algonquian (or perhaps Narragansett) name for the animal: wuchak.

3. They build impressive homes.

A groundhog's burrow can be anywhere from 8 to 66 feet (2 to 20 meters) long, with multiple exits and a number of chambers. There can be several levels to their burrows. They have a burrow for hibernating, and then they have another section of the burrow that's more like their summer home where they can come out more easily.

4. Farmers consider them pests.

Those impressive tunneling skills make for great burrows, but they can also mean big headaches for those in the agricultural profession. They dig fairly extensive burrows, and tractors can break an axle [driving over them].

Over 300 Classic Muscle Cars Unveiled in Texas Barn Find

by Tara Hurlin, Hemmings Motor News

Barn find cars pop up in headlines on the regular for a reason. Automotive enthusiasts love a good car spotting story, and true barn find cars carry an air of mystery that leaves us wondering how the vintage vehicles got there, where each came from, and why someone would leave a piece of motoring history hidden for so long.



For this barn find story, Jason, the owner of classic car consultant agency Southern Bush Motorsports, reflects on a previous barn find adventure that took him to the Texas desert. Jason, who has spent decades traveling across the country searching for and verifying authentic classic muscle cars, reportedly spent two whole days crawling through a ¼-mile-long barn full of them, packed in like sardines.

The property owner's one request for Jason to have access to the massive collection? Go in barefoot. Once you see the below video from the Southern Bush Motorsports YouTube channel, you'll understand why.

First, how did Jason find this muscle car treasure trove? He received a call about a salvage yard with a collection of cars stored in a Texas cow barn in the desert while working for a client in the vicinity, so he did what any barn find hunter would do; he headed out to document an epic barn find. Since this occurred several years ago, Jason can't recall the exact date or area that the collection was in, but he does recall thinking that there would only be 10 to 15 classic cars at the location. When he arrived, he would learn from the late owner's daughter that 302 vehicles were crammed into the car barn, and that she hoped to sell the entire collection for at least \$1 million. She was not willing to sell the vehicles individually because of the overwhelming task of playing "musical cars" with a collection crammed in claustrophobic quarters, not to mention that much of the barn was pitch black without any lighting.

Fortunately, Jason was equipped with his own lighting and a tough pair of socks that day. Navigating through the barn and carefully over the hundreds of classic muscle cars was a slow process, and there were limited areas of clear enough ground for him to rest on. The only doors were located at each end of the barn, and at times the task felt endless. Fortunately, he did have someone checking in on him every so often over those two days to make sure he was okay.

Jason learned that the collection grew so extensive because the late owner, who owned a salvage yard, would often keep vehicles when the car owners didn't pay their towing fees. That may explain why you won't see any rare Shelby Mustangs or Yenko Camaros here, but this is still a muscle car lovers' goldmine.

Jason says that the owner was a big fan of V8-powered coupes. Cars in the collection include several first-generation Ford Mustangs in hardtop, fastback and convertible form. What looks like a 1971 Mustang Mach 1 Fastback was spotted, plus a clan of first-generation Mercury Cougars, a cluster of C3 Chevrolet Corvettes, a handful of Chevrolet Camaros, and a 1964 Chevy Impala SS. Other bowtie muscle cars, like Chevrolet Chevelles, El Caminos, and a rather rusty Chevrolet Nova, were also uncovered. There were even a few stray Mopars, like a 1968 Plymouth Road Runner and a 1970 Plymouth Cuda, and a couple of randoms including a 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible, a Buick Skylark, and a series 1 Jaguar E-Type (XK-E). According to Jason, every vehicle in the collection were unrestored and all-original.

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An Obtainable-Feeling Classic Seen at the Scottsdale Auctions

by David Conwell, Hemmings Motor News

Mid-1930s Pontiacs are gorgeous cars, but the flathead-era cars have always lagged behind the 1955-up V-8 models in value. Today, they're infrequently seen, especially in non-street-rodded condition.



This one was particularly inspirational because while it looks all-stock, it's actually a dedicated road-trip car sporting bias-look radial tires and a sealed-beam headlamp conversion, plus a load of documented miles.



Finding a solid driver that still looks the part is great, and if other bidders overlook it because of its oddball nature and non-GTO pedigree, the purchase price is likely to be pretty reasonable.